



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Wet Season Rainfall Outlook for the State of Hawaii**

#### Summary of the dry season (May through September 2013)

- Statewide: Many sites from Kauai to Maui had near to above average rainfall totals but the Big Island was dry overall, especially in the leeward areas.
  - Wet season extended into May and delayed start of the dry season
  - Tropical cyclone activity (Flossie and remnant of Gil) boosted rainfall in July and August
- Big Island: Below average rainfall at most locations.
  - Most of the island under some level of drought
  - "Extreme drought" (D3 category in U.S. Drought Monitor) remained over the Pohakuloa area through the entire dry season.
  - Mainly affecting agricultural operations and residents on catchment.
- Maui County: "Severe drought" (D2 category) to "Extreme drought" expanded from the Kihei area into the Upcountry section of the island.
  - Upcountry residents asked to reduce water use by 20 percent.
- Oahu: "Moderate drought" (D1 category) remained confined to leeward Waianae slopes through the dry season. Mainly impacting agricultural interests.
- Kauai: "Moderate drought" remained confined to the leeward areas through the dry season and mainly impacted agriculture operations.

#### Outlook for the wet season (October 2013 through April 2014)

- NOAA's Climate Prediction Center (CPC): ENSO-neutral (neither El Nino or La Nina) present for over a year.
  - ENSO-neutral expected to persist into spring 2014.
- Near to above average rainfall through early 2014
  - Consistent with ENSO-neutral conditions in recent years.
- CPC long range probabilities suggest an early start to the 2014 dry season.
- Drought recovery probable on Kauai and Oahu.
- As in recent wet seasons, some drought recovery expected on the Big Island and Maui County but full recovery may not occur due to the intensity and longevity of existing drought conditions.



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#### Wet season preparedness reminders

- Do not drive on roads with fast-flowing water or cross flooded streams
- Clean gutters and drainage ditches
- If you live in a flood-prone area, identify your evacuation routes ahead of time
- Plan for more rainy weather impacts
  - Increased road travel times or possible detours due to flooding
  - Outdoor activities may be postponed, canceled, or adjusted
- The wet season always brings increased potential for lightning strikes
  - Be prepared for power outages
  - Move indoors during a thunderstorm
- Monitor media, NOAA Weather Radio, and Internet sources for changes in weather conditions

#### On the Web:

NOAA National Weather Service Honolulu HI: <http://www.weather.gov/hawaii/>

NOAA Weather Ready Nation: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/com/weatherreadynation/>

NOAA Climate Prediction Center: <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>

U.S. Drought Monitor: <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>